



Upcoming Meetings

Oops! September scooted August right off the calendar! Where did August go??? Our Sept. meeting will be Sept. 20th, and I'm off to the mountain lodge of Trollhaugen for the Heritage weekend so Nancy will be serving up 4 slabs of barBQ'd pork ribs. Enough for everyone to enjoy at least a taste. So y'all will have to do all the accompaniments from green salad to potato salad to a hot dish or a casserole? Whatever you bring to share, I'm sure it will be enjoyed! And don't forget a little sweet something for dessert! I'll see you in October, if the rains don't come and the creek don't rise!



Always, Rennae

Social hour starts at 5:30, buffet starts at 6:30, the meeting will start at 7:30. Our program will feature a 30 minute video about the building of the Hopperstad stave church at the Hjemkomst museum in Moorhead, MN.

The Sept. board meeting will be Sept. 23rd, 7 PM at the church.

The Oct. meeting will be Oct. 18th. There will be a show-and-tell program by the students who attended Joe Molvik's Tine Box class. If you have an interest in holding a position in the lodge for 2025, please contact Nancy BEFORE the Oct. meeting (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) as we will be announcing the slate of candidates at that meeting.

The Nov meeting will be Nov. 15th. We will have election of the 2025 officers at the meeting and a presentation by Roger Young about Ski for Light. The following day (Saturday) we will be holding our Bake Sale and demonstrations day. Lefse baking will be on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM, starting on Oct. 8th. Please let Ginger know (ASAP) if you will be able to help with the lefse. (509-308-6308)

The lodge is in the planning stage for a group trip to the Nordic Museum next spring. Please contact Gretchen Makinson if you are interested. (glmakinson@aol.com, 509-554-7239).

Sol-Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Guests are not expected to bring food just to come and enjoy themselves! The cultural program begins about 7:30. We meet at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on the corner of HWY 395 and Yelm. We have a board meeting on the Monday after the regular membership meeting, beginning at 7:00pm, also at Kennewick First Lutheran. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will arrange it for you. If you are interested in a membership, give one of us a call; we can tell you what we are all about and how to go about becoming a member. You can also visit our lodge website at www.sol-land.org.

Trollhaugen Status

Trollhaugen is looking good. We're getting ready for winter slowly. Roger Young is getting ready to put on new runners for the snow sled. First he has to take it to NoDak to get the metal work done. That will be this month and then in



October he will put new and improved runners on. I've been weeding and getting flower beds ready for the snows and Roger made new covers for the windows surrounding the hot tub.

Come visit one and all. We're still looking for managers, put the word out.

Sherice



Sol-Land Lodge 2024 Officers:

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Laura Kostad
Secretary	Nancy Holter
Treasurer	Lucinda Twedt
Counselor	Virginia Fields
Social Director	Rennae Rosenberg
Cultural Director	Gretchen Makinson
Asst. Cultural	Ron Rolla/Joe Molvik
Sport Director	Lisa Bartholomew
Foundation Dir.	Nancy Holter
Publicity Director	Sherice Halvorsen
Editors	Sara Watson/Nancy Holter
Musician	Linnea Hillesland
Librarians	Gretchen Makinson Maureen Woodward
Marshall	Brad Horst
Assistant Marshall	Dave Payson
Greeter	Donna Smitt
Asst. Greeter	Ginger Fields
Sunshine Committee	Laurie Tyssen
Scholarship Chair	Dick Nordness
Tubfrim Chair	Laurie Tyssen

Trollhaugen Steak Fry Round-up!

Several Sol-Land Lodge members were in attendance at the annual Trollhaugen Steak & Salmon Fry in August: Rennae Rosenberg, Lucinda and Lloyd Tweedt, Sherice Halvorsen, Jeremy Philip, Laura Kostad and her husband Trevor Brain along with their kiddos Selma and Søren and Laura's parents Koz and Jill as guests.

It was a beautiful just-right day temperature-wise in the mountains and the food was fine. The Sol-Land crew helped out with the kubb and horseshoe tournament again this year and Selma cleaned house on the troll scavenger hunt—she found almost all of them! Rennae won the 50-50 raffle and donated \$100 of the \$140 she won back to Trollhaugen to put toward the restoration of one of the aging snowcats, which set off a chain of donations from lodges all around the district. Go Sol-Land!

Proceeds from the meal tickets contribute to the Sophie Olson Scholarship, so if you didn't come this year, make a note on your calendar for next July!

Future Programs and Events

Would you like to share the story of a notable Norwegian-American you know of (past or present) at a future lodge meeting? We would like to introduce a series of brief presentations highlighting some of these people, and we hope that lodge members will come forward to bring those glimpses that they may be aware of to the lodge. If people will volunteer in advance, we can put the information in the newsletter so members will know what is coming up.

So far, we have identified two such notable Norwegian-Americans we plan to cover:

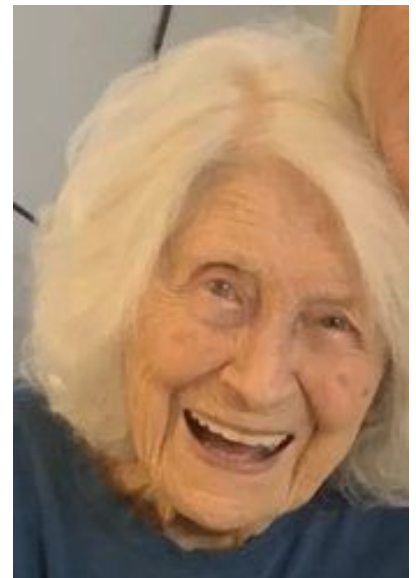
Carl Ben Eielson, pioneer aviator and first airmail pilot in Alaska. Eielson AFB near Fairbanks, Alaska, is named in his honor. The book "Brother to the Eagle", by Erling Rolfsrud, will be in our library for those who wish to learn more.

Aagot Raaen, daughter of a pioneer family that faced difficulties and challenges in America. But Aagot persevered and eventually became an educator, an author, and a voice for Norwegian-American pride and success. Her book "Grass of the Earth" will also be in our library.

If you have a Norwegian-American to suggest or (even better) that you would like to report on, please contact Greg Holter (waxlerfarms@gmail.com) or Gretchen Makinson (glmakinson@aol.com, 509-554-7239)

In Memoriam

Irene Hayes was a charter member of the Walla Walla lodge and when they disbanded, she transferred her membership. She was a native Norwegian, survived the Nazi occupation and was a self-made business woman. She died on September 26, just short of her 99th birthday.





Meeting Ideas

The first movie night was a success, and many expressed an interest in doing it again. We have some interesting options for movies – “Kitchen Stories”, the restored film “The Bridal Party in Hardanger” from 1926, “Fools in the Mountains” (if we can find it), or “The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared “ for example. If you would be interested in another movie night, or if you have suggestions for movies to show, please let Nancy know (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)

There is a possibility we can have a genealogy presentation at a spring meeting, with a follow-up workshop to address specific questions people may have, with a limited number of students, for a modest fee. We'd like to gauge the interest in such a presentation and/or the workshop. This is NOT limited to lodge members, so if you are interested, please contact Greg or Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, waxlerfarms@gmail.com / sol.land.lodge@gmail.com)

Significant Anniversary in Norwegian-American History

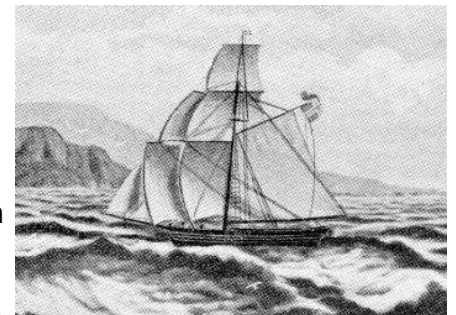
2025 marks the 200th Anniversary of the first organized emigration of Norwegians to the United States. The single mast sloop, *Restauration*, left Stavanger on July 4, 1825, with 52 people on board. Often referred to as the “Sloopers,” they arrived in New York City harbor on October 9, 1825. You can check out this website for much more information on the commemoration: <https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/>

From the [“Crossings” website](#): The story of Norwegian immigration is only one chapter in the larger story of migration and colonization in North America. And that history continues to unfold today. In addition to sharing this transatlantic story, an important goal of Crossings is to frame it within the larger narrative of human migration, past and present. By doing so, we can more fully appreciate the complexities of migration for individuals, nations, and Indigenous peoples. It can also help us understand the tension all immigrants feel between keeping the old and adapting to the new.

Every year the Foundation awards grants to lodges for various projects. In 2025 projects related to the 200th anniversary will be given preference for grants. There are also grants available to non-Sons of Norway groups.

The Crossings Executive Committee encourages projects and initiatives that will have enduring value and long-term use. Can our 200th Anniversary in 2025 become part of the discussion that will unfold in **2026 as part of America’s 250th anniversary**? The 250th has been in the planning stages for several years and will engage communities across the country and historical organizations in every state. These are potential partnerships that could yield visibility and credibility to external audiences for Sons of Norway lodges.

If you have an idea for a project related to this commemoration, please contact a board member.



U.S. postage stamp featuring the ship *Restauration* issued in honor of the 100th anniversary of Norwegian immigration

Lodge calendar

September 20, 6:30pm – General Heritage Meeting

September 23, 7:00pm – Board Meeting, KFLC

October 8 (and every Tuesday), 9am – Lefse Baking for November bake sale

October 18, 6:30pm – General Heritage Meeting

October 21, 7:00pm – Board Meeting

November 15, 6:30pm – General Heritage Meeting

November 16, 10am-1pm, Bake Sale and Demonstration Day

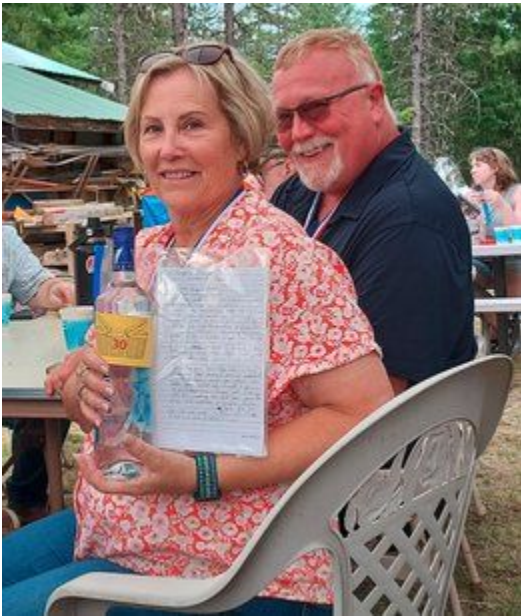
Puget Sound Ski-For-Light is your regional visually and mobility impaired cross-country ski program that provides a pleasurable winter experience for blind and disabled individuals patterned on the original program in Norway. Roger Young will be here in Nov. to give us a presentation about the organization (both the Puget Sound and National parts), but before that. . .

The Bothell Lodge will host a benefit dinner for Ski For Light on Oct 5th at 6:00 PM. The main dish is Salmon and cod cooked over an open fire. Live music and lots of parking! Reservations requested by Sunday, **September 29th**. E-mail: Dinner@bothellsonsofnorway.org or call the Lodge 425-485-9085 and leave a message. When making reservations please leave a name, phone # and/or e-mail address for confirmation. Reservations are important so that we have enough food for everyone! \$35.00 per person!!



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Erling Berg was given a sculpture/diorama/??? of him and his log splitter in recognition of his decades of service to Trollhaugen at the helm of it.



2024
steak
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The new D2 Publicity Director, Cindy McManus, and her husband Dave (the new Zone 5 Director) won the bottle of Norsk vodka and a copy of Ginger's aquavit recipe that Sol-Land donated to the Steak Fry raffle.

